(ग) मध्य प्रदेश में उक्त अवधि के दौरान डीजल तथा पैट्रोल की कालाबाजारी और मिलावट के कितने मामले पकड़े गये है ?

पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा) : (क) देहाती डिपुओं के पास कम माल होने, मथुरा रिफाइनरी के अनुरक्षण के लिये बंद किये जाने, कोचीन रिफाइनरी में हड़ताल होने, उत्तर-पूर्वी क्षेत्र में बाढ़ आने, टैंक वैगनों की अपर्याप्त उपलब्धता तथा भारी वर्षा के कारण कम लोडिंग होने जैसे अनेक कारणों से मई-जून, 1985 में सारे देश में पैट्रोल तथा हाई स्पीड डीजल की कुछ समय तक के लिये कमी रही । इस में मध्य प्रदेश भी शामिल है ।

(ख) तेल उद्योग के वैकल्पिक स्रोतों से पूर्ति करके और रेलवे वैगनों के दैनिक लोडिंग तथा आवागमन को मानीटर करके मई तथा जून, 1985 की मांग को पूरा किया है ।

(ग) मई-जन, 1985 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में पैट्रोल पम्प डीलरों द्वारा आशंकित मिलावट तथा गड़बड़ी के 8 मामलों की सूचना मिली है ।

Allotmnt of LPG agencies

599. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria, if any, laid down by Government for the allotment of LPG agencies;

(b) whether Boards have been constituted for the purpose of making recommendations for giving of LPG dealerships; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the recommendations made by the Boards are accepted by the Government *in toto;* if not, what are the details of the cases in which deviations were made by Government stating the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The criteria adopted for the allotment of LPG distributorships have already been coveyed in reply to Unstarred Question No. 261 answered on 18-3-85 in the Rajya Sabha.

(b) Yes, Sir. Four Oil Selection Boards have been constituted, one each for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Regions of the country. Each is headed by a retired Judge of the High Court and has a retired civil servant as member.

(c) The recommendations of the Oil Selection Boards are sent to and acted upon the marketing oil companies.

Contract with French firm

600. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the French firm Jenmont Schneider has signed a contract worth more than 500 million Francs with Government to supply telephone exchanges to India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a Letter of Intent has been issued on 24-6-85 to M|s. Jeumont Schneider for supply of 7500 lines of electronic PABX equipment valuing approximately 14,289,612 FF.

Price Index of drugs

601. SHRI HAYATULLA ANSARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 265 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new drugs belonging to the same thera-